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Williamston Middle School

November 6, 2020

Thank you to all the parents who attended virtual conferences this fall. Please remember that families are encouraged to reach out to teachers throughout the year to check on student progress and ask questions.

WMS schedule for November 9 - January 22 will begin this upcoming week. The new schedule will allow WMS to switch between 100% remote learning to hybrid. We will continue to follow the daily time schedule that is currently in place:

- Asynchronous sessions 8:00 AM- 11:50 AM
- Optional support times Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 - 11:20 AM by appointment
- Synchronous sessions 12:20 - 2:40 (attendance taken)
- Optional virtual drop-in office hours 2:40 - 3:10 PM

Updated hybrid information that includes a start date, hybrid grouping, and safety and cleaning procedures will be shared once it is available. Please see detailed additional hybrid and online information below.

UpComing Events

November 9, Begin [WMS schedule for November 9 - January 22](#)

November 25-29 - No School K-12, Thanksgiving Recess

December 19-January 3, No School K-12, Winter Break

Hybrid and Online Learning Update and Schedule for November 9- January 22

Earlier this month, WCS Board of Education voted to offer hybrid and online instruction to students. Please see the communication I sent on October 22 [WMS Hybrid Communication - Mailed on October 22, 2020](#) to learn more about WMS' preparation for the hybrid plan. Also, included is the [WMS schedule for November 9 - January 22](#), which will be used during our remote learning plan as well as during our hybrid plan. When reviewing the schedule, please understand that students will continue to participate in asynchronous and synchronous sessions with alternating days between 1st-3rd hours and 4th-6th hours. The daily schedule of class times, support sessions, and teacher/student office hours will remain the same during our current remote learning time.

As details related to the hybrid start date, A and B assigned groups, and safety procedures are available, they will be communicated to families.

Student of the Month - October, 2020

In an effort to recognize and honor the great things that Williamston Middle School students are doing on a regular basis, WMS has a Hornet of the Month program. Adults at the Middle School are asked to nominate students each month, and by doing so, they are identifying those who are either consistently meeting or exceeding our school-wide expectations of being respectful, responsible, safe, and engaged. Many of these students display leadership qualities and serve as role models for their peers. *All* of these students contribute to a positive culture at Williamston Middle School, and we recognize and celebrate them for that. [View October Student of the Month Recipients HERE.](#)

Red Ribbon Week Art Challenge Recognition:

Thank you to those students who participated in our Red Ribbon Week Art Challenge this year! We appreciate your creativity and artistic spirit. Special recognition goes to the following students:

Best Overall - Lydia
Most Colorful - Molly
Most Creative - Tyler



Online Williamston Apparel - Store Closes November 9

Looking to buy apparel for yourself or as a gift, while supporting the WMS Student Council fundraiser? Visit the Student Council sponsored Williamston Middle School Spirit Shop to order Williamston apparel: <https://www.bsnteamssports.com/shop/gxnUTmgAT4>

Teacher & Student Support Session Sign Up (OPTIONAL)

Starting at 6:00 AM on Monday, students can sign up for 15 minutes of academic help on Tuesday or Thursday mornings with any of their teachers. Please use this link to schedule: <https://myconferencetime.com/williamstonms>

Counseling Office News from Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Michalski

We are here to support your student's academic and mental health needs. During remote learning, we have created a google classroom called "WMS Counseling Office with Mrs. McKinney & Mrs. Michalski" to provide students and families with resources in a variety of topics. We highly encourage all students to join the google classroom if they have not done so already. New material will be uploaded weekly.

Check out what's new in the WMS Counseling Office Google Classroom:

- **Using Humor and Laughter to Reduce Stress**

We will be adding more great resources each week. [Click here to access the classroom or use code:6jlxidg](#)

Winter Coat Bank:

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Christ Campus, in Lansing, is distributing new and gently used coats to families in need. You must call ahead to make an appointment. At your appointment, masks are required, ID must be shown, and each person requesting a coat must be present, including children. Please review the information below to set your appointment.

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Christ Campus
122 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI
517-482-2252

Appointment Hours:

November 7 Saturday 1 - 4 pm

Food Distribution

Effective Tuesday, September 15, distribution will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Meals will be available at the high school on the front drive from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Tuesday meal bundle will include meals for three days and the meal bundle on Thursday will include meals for four days. If you have questions, please call 517-706-5028 and leave your name and phone number. Please visit the [food service page on the web](#) or if you have questions call 517-706-5012.

Attendance

Attendance during synchronous class periods is required and will be taken daily during each synchronous class session. Call the Attendance Line at 517-655-4668 (press #1) or electronically submit an absence online at <https://www.gowcs.net/domain/164>

Technology/Academic Help

- **Internet Access or Academic Support** - call Rachel Foster at the main office (517) 655-4668 to schedule a time and day to attend WMS' computer and academic lab.
- **Password Resets or Technical Support** - email: support@gowcs.net
- **Help with Google's Tools and Features** - visit the [Student/Parent Tech Tutorial Link HERE](#) (use student gowcs email account to access).
- **Help with Google Classroom or Coursework** - email the teacher.

Extracurriculars

[Boys' Basketball Practice and Game Schedule HERE](#)

Practice Guidelines

- Please do not arrive at the middle school any earlier than 5 minutes before your practice time. Please drop your child off at the back entrance and please wait for them in your cars to pick them up. The coach will dismiss your child and they will

exit the building. No locker rooms will be available, so please come dressed with a change of tennis shoes.

- Bring enough water for the duration of the practice. A personal water bottle or jug is recommended and sharing is not permitted.
- Masks will be required to be worn at all times. The mask must cover nose to chin.

Please answer the COVID health questions prior to practice or game arrival and verify your temperature is 100.3 F or under.

In the past 24 hours have you experienced any of the following?

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Close Contact or Cared for someone with COVID-19
- Temperature above 100.3 F
- * Please do not send children if the answer is yes to any of these questions.
Consult with your health care provider.

Finally, to be able to practice, every child must have a PlanetHS account and completed all the required paperwork. All signatures can be done digitally and the physical or health questionnaire can be uploaded directly to your account. The athlete and parent must sign all documents on their separate account.

[Athletic Spectator Guidelines Link](#) - Williamston Community Schools asks that everyone be respectful of the rules and guidelines that are currently in place. We want to keep our students, coaches, families, and community safe.

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